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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing you today to express my opinion in regards to the Microsoft settlement issue. I support the settlement that was reached in November and believe this agreement will serve in the best public interest. I am a Microsoft supporter and feel that this company should not be punished for being successful.

Microsoft has agreed to all terms and conditions of this settlement. Under this agreement, Microsoft must grant computer makers broad new rights to configure Windows so as to promote non- Microsoft software programs that compete with programs included within Windows. Microsoft has also agreed to document and disclose for use by its competitors various interfaces that are internal to Windows' operating system products.

We are facing difficult times and a lagging economy. We do not have time to waste on expensive litigation that will not benefit the public. Please support this settlement and allow Microsoft to get back to business. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Williams". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.